

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE
COURSE OUTLINE - FALL 1995

COURSE:

Psychology 1040 Basic Psychological Processes.

PY1040 C2	Tues/Thurs	1.30-2.50
PY1040 H2	Wed	6.30-9.20

INSTRUCTOR:

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Office Hours: Mon 9.00-9.50; Wed 11.00-11.50; Fri 11.00-11.50.

TEXT:

Lefton, L. A. (1994). Psychology (5th ed) (Required).

Ryan, H. A. et al (1994). Keeping pace plus (Recommended).

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

PY1040 provides an introduction to the following topics: the nature of contemporary psychology; research methods; biological bases of behaviour; perception; consciousness; learning, memory and cognition; emotion and motivation; lifespan development.

The primary objective of the course is to introduce the basic terminology, theoretical concepts, and important research findings in each topic covered.

EVALUATION:

There are two quizzes and two exams in this course. They are designed to test both factual and conceptual learning, and will cover material presented in class and in required text-book readings.

The quiz dates will be announced in class, each will cover the first and third quarters of the course respectively, and each will be 100% multiple-choice.

The midterm and final exam (which will be scheduled by the registrar) will consist of a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions requiring written answers. Both will cover all preceding course material.

The following weights will apply:

Quiz #1	10%
Quiz #2	15%
Midterm	30%
Final	45%

Course grades will be given on a nine-point scale:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENCE</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>
9	90-100	
8	80-89	Excellent
7	72-79	
6	65-71	Good
5	57-64	
4	50-56	Pass
3	45-49	Fail
2	26-44	
1	0-25	

TIMETABLE:

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC AND CHAPTER</u>	
Week beginning	Sept 11	Intro/ Methods	(1)
	18	Methods/ Statistics (1, Module A)	
	25	Biological Bases	(2)
Oct	2	Sensation & Perception	(3)
	9	States of Consciousness	(4)
	16	Learning	(5)
	23	<u>Mid-term exam</u>	
	30	Memory	(6)
Nov	6	Cognitive Psychology	(7)
	13	Cognitive Psychology	(7)
	20	Motivation & Emotion	(10)
	27	Child Development	(8)
Dec	4	Adolescence & Adulthood	(9)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

With the exception of examinations, there is no formal policy on attendance in this course. Students are, however, strongly recommended to attend regularly, and are expected to become acquainted with in-class course announcements, such as exam dates. Those who miss quizzes or exams due to illness will be permitted a re-write after presentation of a medical certificate.